IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Philippe GUEDAT et al. Examiner: David K. O'dell

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REQUEST FOR INITIALED FORM PTO-1449

Mail Stop Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants note, in the present allowed application, that the Examiner has crossed off the form-1449 submitted with Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement of August 3, 2006. It is not understood why the single reference listed on this form-1449, WO 02/42291, has been crossed off the form-1449. It is noted that a check of the PAIR system shows that the international search report, and references were transmitted from the International Bureau on August 3, 2006. Thus, this reference was available to the Examiner and, as such, should have been considered.

It is respectfully thus requested that the Examiner return an initialed form-1449 with a Supplemental Notice of Allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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